

- .1 Counties shall use the criteria for receipt and evaluation listed in Section 23-612, with the exception of Section 23-612.3, concerning public opening of bids and Section 23-612.6, concerning awards to the low bidder. However, counties shall be permitted to have public openings of proposals. Counties shall use the following additional criteria in selecting bidders from RFPs.
 - .11 The originality and effectiveness of the bidder's approach to solving the problem presented in the RFP.
 - .12 The bidder's background and experience in working with CDSS funded programs, local government and projects similar to the one proposed.
 - .13 Any cash or in-kind contribution proposed to be included as part of the project.
- .2 Although counties are not required to choose the lowest responsible, responsive bidder to an RFP, cost shall be weighed as a major factor in making the evaluation.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 10553 and 10554, Welfare and Institutions Code. Reference: Section 12302.1, Welfare and Institutions Code.